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SUBJECT: ACTING FONMIN COMMENTS ON ARMED INVASION OF ZAIRE

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1. IN ACCORDANCE REFTELS, ACTING FONMIN DENG WAS BRIEFED MARCH 23 RE USG VIEWS ON ARMED INVASION OF ZAIRE. AMBASSADOR EMPHASIZED OUR HOPE THAT, REGARDLESS ARGUEMENTS RE PRECISE BACKING GENDARME INVASION, MOST AFRICAN GOVERNMENTS WILL AGREE THAT IT THREATENS ZAIRIAN UNITY, PEACE IN CENTRAL AFRICA AND BASIC AFRICAN POLICY OF OPPOSITION TO OUTSIDE INTERFERENCE IN AFRICAN AFFAIRS. AMBASSADOR COMMENTED PERSONALLY THAT SUDANESE SHOULD BE AMONG FIRST TO RECOGNIZE DANGERS IMPLICIT IN CURRENT INVASION IN VIEW OF ATTEMPTED COUP HERE LAST JULY MOUNTED FROM LIBYA. PROBLEM WAS AN AFRICAN ONE, AND WOULD HAVE TO BE SOLVED BY AFRICANS. WE DO NOT KNOW PRECISELY WHAT DIPLOMATIC EFFORTS AFRICANS MIGHT BE UNDERTAKING BUT DO BELIEVE IT ESSENTIAL TO MOVE QUICKLY TO PREVENT FURTHER ESCALATION WHILE THERE IS STILL TIME.

2. DENG REPLIED THAT GOS WAS OF COURSE IN PRINCIPLE OPPOSED TO INVASIONS AND THAT ANYTHING OF THIS NATURE WOULD BE CAUSE
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FOR CONCERN. HOWEVER, HE WAS UNCERTAIN RE FACTS AND NOTED MESSAGE HAD JUST COME IN FROM SUDANESE EMBASSY KINSHASA INDICATING GOZ FONMIN HAD TAKEN LINE WITH DIPLOMATS MARCH 22 THAT ATTACK BEING REPULSED AND SITUATION UNDER CONTROL. AMBASSADOR REPLIED OUR INFO SUGGESTED NOT ONLY THAT INVASION SHOULD BE TAKEN SERIOUSLY BUT THAT IT MIGHT REPRESENT ONLY FIRST STAGE OF COORDINATED PROGRAM AGAINST GOZ INVOLVING

OTHER CROSS-BORDER INCURSIONS. DENG INDICATED GOS HAS REASSURED GOZ ON THAT POINT WITH RESPECT SUDANESE FRONTIER (KHARTOUM 977). STRESSING WE WERE NOT SUGGESTING GOS, OR ANY SPECIFIC AFRICAN STATE, TAKE ANY PARTICULAR STEPS, AMBASSADOR SUGGESTED SUDANESE MIGHT WISH REQUEST FURTHER INFO FROM THEIR EMBASSY IN KINSHASA RE SERIOUSNESS SITUATION. DENG INDICATED HE WOULD DO SO.

3. DENG INDICATED SUDANESE HAVE RECEIVED TWO MESSAGES FROM ZAIRE, ONE EVIDENTLY A GOZ MESSAGE AND ANOTHER A PRELIMINARY ASSESSMENT FROM SUDANESE EMBASSY. FORMER MAKES SOME REFERENCE TO GOZ INTENTION NOT REPEAT NOT REFER MATTER TO OAU WHICH DENG FOUND SOMEWHAT AT VARIANCE OUR INFO RE MOBUTO'S "INITIAL APPEAL" TO OAU. AMBASSADOR SAID HE UNDERSTOOD IT WAS FELT SITUATION OF SUCH URGENCY THAT FORMAL APPEAL TO OAU LIKELY BE OVERTAKEN BY EVENTS. DENG CONCLUDED THAT GOS WAS CONTINUING WATCH SITUATION CLOSELY AND WOULD SEEK DEVELOP ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FROM OTHER SOURCES AS PRELIMINARY TO CONSIDERING WHETHER SUDAN SHOULD TAKE SOME DIPLOMATIC INITIATIVE.

4. COMMENT. GENERALIZED NATURE DENG'S REACTION STEMS NOT ONLY FROM FACT THAT MOST SPECIFIC INFO ON INVASION SUDANESE HAVE SEEN COMES ONLY FROM USG BUT ALSO BECAUSE BOTH PRESIDENT AND FONMIN HAVE BEEN ABSENT SINCE ZAIRE PROBLEM BEGAN, FOCUS-ING ON ISSUE RED SEA SECURITY. IN EVENT MORE ACTIVE SUDANESE POLICY DESIRED, WOULD RECOMMEND THAT GOZ MAKE CLEAR DIRECTLY SUDANESE IN KHARTOUM EXTENT THREAT POSED BY INVASION AND, RECALLING SOMEWHAT SIMILAR "MERCENARY INVASION" FROM LIBYA HERE LAST JULY, SOLICIT ACTIVE SUDANESE SUPPORT IN BRINGING
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